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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments, and the following remarks.

The Examiner has objected to the specification under 35 U.S.C. §112 first paragraph. The specification has been amended to overcome this rejection.

The Examiner has objected to claims 1-10. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended to overcome this objection.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Casey. The Examiner has also rejected claims 3-6 and 8-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Casey in view of Cohen and Brown et al. Claims 3, 4, and 5 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the elements of claims 3, 4, and 5. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) has been overcome.

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EXAMINER'S ACTION (Amendment to 10/682,212)

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Regarding the 103 rejection, it is respectfully submitted that new claim 1 is patentable over the above cited references taken in either singularly or in combination. It is respectfully submitted that the combination of Casey, Cohen and Brown would not be obvious in view of this newly amended claim 1. Cohen discloses a plug-connector in a shielding plate which is formed in a 90° angle and is provided for several wafers. There is a shielding plate 142 and 242 which is angled by 90° and is provided for several wafers 136, 236. FIGS. 1, 4, and 7 show, for example, this shielding plate 142, 242 must already be pre-formed before its assembly to the body, 136, 236. This is reinforced in the specification in column 5, lines 9 and 29 and column 5, line 60 through to column 6, line 3 and also is column 8, lines 15-24. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the shielding plate must already be pre formed before it is assembled to the body. Only then, can slits 162C be pushed under hooks 158C when the plug-in connector is assembled.

In contrast, with the present invention as claimed in amended claim 1, it is possible to position the first segment on the body and then place the second segment so that the second segment comes to rest on the body. The catch hooks then prevent

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the second segment from springing back. It is respectfully submitted that this design with the first segment, and separate second segment are entirely different than the design disclosed in Cohen.

In Brown, FIGS. 2 and 5 disclose an outer shielding plate 84 that is positioned in slits 75 of body 90 with its projections 85. These slits 75 are provided in lateral projections 14 of body 90. The second segment of these shielding plates 84 is then firmly fixed in place with its end region forming tabs 88 only after assembling the body on a slave card.

In contrast, with the present invention as claimed in claim 1, the end regions of the shielding plate are already fixed in place when it is positioned on the body, independent of whether the plug connector is already disposed on a circuit board. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this design is entirely different than the design of Brown, so therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the combination of Casey, Cohen and Brown would not result in all of the elements claimed being claimed. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 2, and 6-10 are patentable over the above-cited references taken

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either singularly or in combination.

In conclusion, claims 1, 6, 7, and 8 have been amended.  
Claims 3-5 have been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly,  
the Applicant respectfully requests early allowance of the  
remaining claims.

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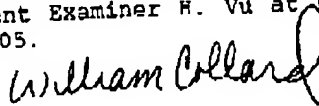
  
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